



# City of Takoma Park, Maryland

## Mayoral Proclamation

*CHESAPEAKE BAY WEEK – JUNE 1-9, 2019*

- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay is the largest and, at one time, the most productive estuary in the United States, spanning six states and the District of Columbia; and
- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park City Council has in past years recognized that the Chesapeake Bay watershed is an extraordinary and vital natural resource and ecosystem, a seafood source of major economic importance, as well as an integral part of Maryland's history and heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chesapeake Bay area is home to more than 17 million people, many of whom rely upon the Bay for their livelihood and recreational activities; and
- WHEREAS,** living within the Chesapeake Bay watershed with its rich history and environmental significance reminds us all of the responsibility we have to protect the Bay and our local streams from runoff, pollutants and litter; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park and its residents take these responsibilities seriously as evidenced by the City's innovative stormwater management program, and forward-thinking environmental initiatives such as Safe Grow, the ban on polystyrene, the plastic bag ban, the recently adopted ban on plastic straws, and non-governmental and volunteer efforts such as the Friends of Sligo Creek's stewardship of the watershed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has annually recognized the importance of Chesapeake Bay Week Awareness Week and has encouraged its members to do the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** on behalf of the residents, Council and staff, do hereby proclaim June 1-9, 2019 as CHESAPEAKE BAY AWARENESS WEEK in Takoma Park and urge all residents to recognize the importance of protecting and cherishing the Chesapeake.

*Dated this 5th day of June, 2019.*

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**Kate Stewart**  
**Mayor**

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk